

Seventh-day Adventist Education

## **Medications at School**

Has your child ever needed any of the following during the School day:

- Prescription medication for asthma or other chronic medical condition?
- Over-the-counter medication for allergies?
- An Epi-pen on hand in case of severe allergic reactions?
- Tylenol or Advil for cramps?
- Cough drops or sore throat lozenges?

If so, we'd like to be ready to meet your child's needs as soon as they arise, but we need your help. School personnel are not allowed to dispense medication without doctor's orders and parent's authorization, nor is a student allowed to carry medications into their classroom.

If your child will need to take prescription or over-the-counter medication during the school day, the "School-Assisted Prescription Medication Administration" form and the "Over-The-Counter (OTC) Medication Authorization" Form must be completed in advance by you and your child's physician for prescription medications.

Even if your child doesn't need medication at the beginning of the school year, keep in mind that if he/she becomes ill during the year and must continue medication when they return to school, the office staff won't be able to dispense medication without these forms. For students in grades 4-8, the OTC form is the best way to address potential needs while on the class overnight trips.

Thank you in advance for your help - we want to make it easy for us to help your child with medications.